

ORDINANCE NO. _____

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing a voluntary utility billing donation program to fund
2 City programs and projects serving the community.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln desires to establish a voluntary utility billing
4 donation program involving the services of the Lincoln Electric System; and

5 WHEREAS, the Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board has agreed to allow
6 the Lincoln Electric System to participate in the program with the understanding that Lincoln
7 Electric System's continued participation is not mandatory.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln,
9 Nebraska:

10 Section 1. There is hereby established a voluntary billing donation program for the
11 purpose of facilitating donations by users of electricity furnished by the Lincoln Electric System to
12 fund City programs and projects serving the community. All persons receiving electrical bills in the
13 mail for services from Lincoln Electric System under this provision shall be included in the voluntary
14 utility billing donation program. This voluntary billing donation program shall automatically
15 terminate at such time as the Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board adopts a resolution of
16 its intent to terminate its participation in the program and gives written notice of its intent to the
17 Mayor.

18 Section 2. The Mayor shall determine the form of the donation program subject to
19 the provisions of this ordinance.

20 Section 3. Donations under any program established pursuant to this ordinance shall
21 be voluntary. The amount of any suggested donation added to a user's bill, if applicable, shall not

1 exceed One Dollar (\$1.00) and shall not be included in the amount of any arrearage or collections
2 on an account.

3 Section 4. There is hereby established an Advisory Board to review City programs
4 and projects which are proposed by the Mayor to be funded by appropriations from the donated
5 funds. Prior to commencing the program's first year's solicitation of donations and on an annual
6 basis thereafter, the Board shall select which City programs and projects are to be funded during the
7 ensuing year and the amount to be allocated to said programs and projects from the donated funds.
8 The Advisory Board shall be charged with the responsibility to make recommendations to the Mayor
9 with respect to the operation of the program. The Advisory Board shall consist of not less than four
10 members. One member shall be appointed by the City Council. One member shall be appointed by
11 the Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board. Two members shall be appointed by the Mayor,
12 one of which shall be from the private sector. In addition, any private individual, business,
13 association, or corporation that agrees to provide at least \$20,000.00 per year to match citizen
14 donations at a rate of 50¢ for each dollar of rate payer donation shall automatically become a
15 member of the Advisory Board for the year(s) said individual, business, association, or corporation
16 participates as a sponsor of the donation program. The appointed members shall serve at the will
17 of the LES Administrative Board or the Mayor as the case may be.

18 Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its
19 passage and publication according to law.

Introduced by:

Approved as to Form and Legality:

City Attorney

Staff Review Completed:

Administrative Assistant

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2002:

Mayor